

## **[Alaska Migration Data](#)**

Migration data for Alaska come from three main sources: Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend applications, IRS Tax Statistics, and the American Community Survey. Each source has its own strengths and weaknesses.

To view the official estimates of annual migration for Alaska, and net migration for its regions, boroughs, and census areas, go to our [Population Estimates](#) page and see “Components of Change.”

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### **[Alaska Economic Trends](#) articles about migration**

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#### **PFD-Based Migration Data**

Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD)-based migration data have broad in-state coverage but lag on new migrants from outside the state, because new migrants aren't eligible for the PFD until they've lived in Alaska for one calendar year. Additionally, PFD data do not capture people who don't live here long enough to qualify for a PFD. Maps of these data are available on our [Maps & GIS Data](#) page.

- [PFD-Based Migration between Boroughs/Census Areas, 2000-2020 \(Excel\)](#)
- [PFD-Based Migration between Boroughs/Census Areas, 2000-2020 \(Interactive\)](#)
- [PFD-Based Migration To and From Cities and Places, 2000-2020 \(Excel\)](#)

Note: These annual borough, census area, city and place data are not adjusted for births and deaths.

- [PFD-Based Migration by Age and Sex for Alaska \(1985-2020\) and Borough/Census Area \(1990-2020\) \(Excel\)](#)

Note: These data are in average annual amounts for each 5-year period, and are adjusted for births and deaths.

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#### **IRS-Based Migration Data**

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)-based migration data provide direct counts of moves between U.S. counties, boroughs, and census areas by comparing the addresses of exemptions — that is, filers and their dependents — from year to year. However, they only cover about 80 percent of Alaska's population, and values below 10 are suppressed. More information about these data are available on the [IRS's Migration Data website](#).

- [IRS-Based Migration To and From Alaska by State, 2000-2019 \(Excel\)](#)

- [IRS-Based Migration between Boroughs/Census Areas, 2000-2019 \(Excel\)](#)
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#### **ACS-Based Migration (“Geographic Mobility”) Data**

The [U.S. Census Bureau’s American Community Survey](#) (ACS) data provides information about migrants. However, ACS data is based on a small sample of the population and tends to have large margins of error. For most areas in Alaska, ACS data is only available in 5-year averages. ACS data are available on [data.census.gov](https://data.census.gov), and the [U.S. Census Bureau’s Geographic Mobility/Migration page](#).

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#### **Additional Links**

- [U.S. Department of Homeland Security Immigration Data & Statistics](#)
  - [U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Refugee Arrival Data](#)
  - [U.S. Department of State Intercountry Adoption Statistics](#)
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